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1. PRESIDENT ODUBER DEPARTS AUGUST 11 FOR CARACAS ACCOMPANIED BY MINISTER OF FINANCE PROFIRIO MORERA AND CENTRAL BANK PRESIDENT BERNAL JIMINEZ. PURPOSE OF FOUR-DAY TRIP, ACCORDING TO MEDIA, IS DISCUSSION OF ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL COOPERATION THROUGH VENEZUELAVT INVESTMENT FUND. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT PROBLEMS SURROUNDING SALE OF COSTA RICAN CATTLE TO VENEZUELA WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED.

2. ODUBER'S PRIVATE POLITICAL CONVERSATIONS WITH PRESIDENT PEREZ WILL UNDOUBTEDLY FOCUS ON ROLE OF EX-PRESIDENT FIGUERES IN COSTA RICAN POLITICS AND IN PLN. ODUBER AND FIGUERES ARE ON THE OUTS OVER WHAT FIGUERES VIEWS AS ODUBER'S EFFORT TO SCOTCH THE CONSITUTIONAL REFORM EFFORT TO PERMIT FIGUERES TO BE A CANDIDATE IN 1978. ODUBER HAS IN PAST ATTEMPTED TO ENGINEER A FIGUERES VISIT TO CARACAS FOR FIGUERES TO SPEAK TO PEREZ AS ONE SOCIAL DEMOCRAT LEADER TO ANOTHER, AND TO HELP SMOOTH OVER RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COSTA RICAN LEADERS. HE MAY DO SO AGAIN.
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